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CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME G.J. Fajans (Correctly Georg Joseph Leopold Fajans)

BORN 13.07.1911 Bernau (Mark) Germany

PARENTS Father: Heinrich F, Amtsgerichtsrat, 1873 - 1923,
son of Josef Fajans (1838 - 1917) Danzig and
Rose Fajans, nee Neumann (1846 - 1916) Thorn.

Mother: Flora, nee Henius, born 1888, deported to
Auschwitz 1943. She was the daughter of
Leopold Henius (1841 - 1924), a well known
doctor in Berlin during the first quarter
of this century, and his wife Klara, born Gomma.

MYSELF Had my early schooling in Bernau, later, after the
death of my father at the Hohenzollerngymnasium,
Berlin, where I matriculated. Am the oldest of 3,
brother Peter 1914 - 1965, Doctor at Okawville
Illinois, and sister Rosemarie 1919 - now living
in Durban, South Africa.

After matriculation I studied Law at Freiburg,
Erlangen, Berlin, and passed the first State Exam
and Dr. iur. Utr.
Appointed Referendar 1932, dismissed April 1933
on racial grounds.

Emigrated to South Africa end of 1933, where I led
an uneventful and struggling life as an employee
in various firms connected with the Timber and
Building Trade until the outbreak of war in 1939.

Married 1937 to Margot Stern, of Lichtenburg,
South Africa, from whom I live separated since
1970. I have 2 sons and 1 daughter all living
in South Africa.

Enlisted 1939 Imperial Light Horse Regiment,
which in fact was an Infantry Regiment, of the
South African Army, with which I served* mainly
in the Middle East, until 1945.

After demobilisation, returned to an inconsequential
job until the end of 1946 when I set up in business
as a Building Material Merchant in Edenvale, then
a hamlet 10 miles east of Johannesburg, with growth
potential due to the construction of the International
Airport nearby.

Took an interest in municipal politics and was elected to the Edenvale Town Council in 1953, where I held a seat until 1971.

Elected Mayor twice (1957 and 1967) and Deputy Mayor three times.

After having sold the Timber and allied interests in 1973, but retaining certain property interests, I commenced ~~certain~~ building developments in the condominium field, hitherto unknown in South Africa.

GENERAL

Have been involved in communal work for the greater part of my life; living in Edenvale with a then negligible Jewish population this has been communal work of a general nature.

Through Town Council activities I have taken part in devising housing schemes for the underprivileged, (mainly Blacks), development of libraries, Old Age Homes, etc. My activities have caused a deep attachment to the country of my adoption where I arrived without means and lived for some years until naturalisation, without a valid passport, and whose people I have learnt to know and understand.

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